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SUBJECT Floesti-Reni Pipeline

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1. The Ploesti-Reni pipeline originates in the region of the Ploesti oil fields, and follows the main road from Ploesti to Galati and thence to Reni, in Soviet Bessarabia. It passes the towns of Buzau, Ianca, Faurei, Braila, Baldivinesti, Barboasi, Fitești, crosses Galati at Strada Traiana near the military hospital, goes down to the railroad station, then to the mouth of the Prut river, and across to Reni. Driving along the road from Galati to Buzau, source was able to see certain sections of the pipeline which were above ground, several pumping stations, and the Soviet military guard very close to the left side of the road.
2. In the summer of 1948, source made several trips from Galati to Braila, a distance of twenty-two kilometers, and noticed four pumping stations enroute. He remembered having seen three pumps between Ianca and Faurei, but did not think there were any between Ianca and Buzau. He could not estimate the distances between pumps but believed that they varied depending upon the terrain.
3. Source believes the pipeline was first put into operation by Soviet order in autumn 1945, when he observed it as a double line of pipe, each line being about 10 to 12 centimeters in diameter, and lying above the ground. He later noticed that the line was being buried except in places where this was impractical because of the terrain. This double pipeline was later replaced by a single line. The diameter of the pipe for the single line is about 25 to 30 centimeters. This change was completed in autumn 1947.
4. No estimate of the capacity of the pipeline could be made by source.
5. The present load of oil and gasoline carried by the pipeline can only be indicated by the fact that source believes the oil is pumped continuously. He said he had travelled the road at various times of the day and night and always heard the pumps working.
6. [REDACTED]
7. Another pipeline, the Ploesti-Constanta oil pipeline consists of a single line and has a capacity of about 400 to 500 tons of crude oil per day.

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8. Oil refined at Floesti itself is shipped to destinations within the Soviet Union by railroad tank cars.

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